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Conservationists honored here

About eighty community leaders attended the Robert E. Lee Soil and Water Conservation District's annual Awards Banquet Thursday night in Appomattox in the ACHS cafeteria. Dennis Torrence, District Chairman and one of two directors for Appomattox County, was master of ceremonies.

The Robert E. Lee Soil and Water Conservation District is a subdivision of state government. It is the District's responsibility to provide for the conservation of the soil and water resources it encompasses. The Robert E. Lee Soil and Water Conservation District is organized and managed by local people. The counties of Amherst, Appomattox, and Campbell and the City of Lynchburg elect two directors each in the general election. These eight directors, along with two appointed by the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Commission, form the District's Board of Directors.

Directors for Appomattox County are Dennis Torrence and E. Carter Martin.

The Robert E. Lee Soil and Water Conservation District was organized on July 24, 1940, under the provisions of the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Districts Law of 1938. The District initially was made up of the counties of Amherst, Appomattox, Campbell, Buckingham, and Cumberland. It was reorganized in 1972, at which time the City of Lynchburg joined the District and Buckingham and Cumberland Counties withdrew to form a separate district known as the Peter Francisco District.

On Thursday evening, youth awards were presented to Howard Anderson, Robert Coleman, April Hackney, David McDonald, Craig Ranson, and Debbie Richardson, all of Appomattox County for their participation in the R.E. Lee Conservation District (R.E.LEE CD) Soils Judging Contest. There were not enough senior youth last year to have a full team for higher competition. During the last few years teams from the R.E. Lee CD have won the state contest and competed in the national contest at Oklahoma City.

Richard and Twyman Nash were selected the "Outstanding Cooperator" in Appomattox County. The Nashes were selected for their sound land management that did not abandon conservation because of larger equipment like many have done. Twyman Nash accepted the plaque from R.E. Lee CD Director, E. Carter Martin.

Richard T. Nash began in the Grade A dairy business in 1950 after several years of manufactured milk production. His farm, which has been in the Nash family for several generations, was primarily a bright tobacco farm.

Richard, who now operates the farm with his son, Twyman, milks about 75 cows on their 595 acre farm. The father-son team have about 320 acres of cropland used in a 3 year rotation of corn, small grain and hay except for 11 acres of alfalfa.

Since becoming a District cooperator in 1957, the Nashes have carried out numerous conservation practices with Soil Conservation Service assistance. The farm conservation plan has been revised several times since 1957 with the latest revision in March 1983. Their current program includes:

Contour stripcropping on 50 acres
6 acres of grassed waterways
1200 feet of subsurface drainage in cropland
106 acres of improved pastures
2 farm ponds
30 acres of wetland left for wildlife land
140 acres of woodland management including 90 acres of planted loblolly pine.

This operation is based on sound management, sound financial management and has not abandoned

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TWYMAN NASH, RIGHT, with his wife, Kathryn, accept award for "Outstanding Cooperator" for Appomattox in the area of conservation. Twyman and his father Richard Nash own and operate a 595 acre farm. Making the presentation is E. Carter Martin, member of Appomattox County CD board.

Miss Virginia visits Concord

LISA ALIFF, MISS VIRGINIA, was on hand in Concord recently to tape an upcoming segment of the popular television program PM Magazine. Miss Aliff, appearing for the first time as guest host of the television program, visited the Concord Volunteer Fire Department, and a meeting of the Concord Ruritan Club, the program which will profile the Concord Volunteer Fire Department and the Dutchman's Branch band, is scheduled to air at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7. (Photo by Jeff Spitzer.)

Accident claims life in county

A Buena Vista woman was killed instantly when the car she was driving and a pickup truck collided head-on on Route 26 north of Appomattox late Sunday night.

Emily C. Tomlin, 42, was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident by County Medical Examiner Dr. Larry Smith, according to Jeff Brown of the Virginia State Police.

Brown said Mrs. Tomlin was returning home after taking her son to Longwood College in Farmville. She was driving north on Route 26 about six miles north of Appomattox, near Oakville when her car collided with a pickup truck travelling south in the northbound lane.

The driver of the pickup truck, Perry Lee Lydell, Jr., 26, of Spout Spring, received head injuries in the accident. a passenger in the truck, Michael Blazer, 23 of Appomattox, was uninjured.

A passenger in Mrs. Tomlin's vehicle, Mark Jason Tomlin, 18, received minor injuries in the crash.

Tomlin, Lydell, and Blazer were all transported by Appomattox County Volunteer Rescue Squad units to Lynchburg General Hospital, where they were treated and released.

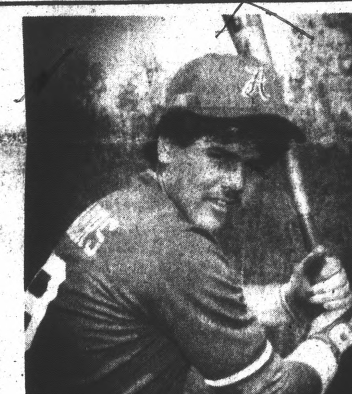
Brown said that both vehicles -- Mrs. Tomlin's 1974 Ford Pinto station wagon and Lydell's 1975 Chevrolet pickup -- were total losses.

He added that charges in the accident are pending further investigation by State Police.

Red Sox draft Mayberry

Greg Mayberry, ace right-handed pitcher for the 1983 Appomattox County High School varsity baseball team, was notified last week that he had been picked by the Boston Red Sox organization in the first round of the professional baseball draft.

Mayberry was the 13th player picked in the first round of the draft.


Greg Mayberry

Currently a freshman at Ferrum College, Mayberry must complete at least one year at that school before he can negotiate a contract with the Red Sox organization.

Howard Clabough, Mayberry's baseball coach at Appomattox County High School, talked to Mayberry after the Red Sox organization contacted the young athlete. "He has until June to decide what he's going to do," notes Clabough.

"Under the rules (governing the draft) he has to play at least one season at college before he can sign, if he wants to sign then."

Mayberry graduated from ACHS last year after an outstanding high school sports career. He played football and basketball in addition to baseball. In his senior year, Mayberry compiled a 9-2 pitching record, had a 2.62 earned-run average, and a .377 batting average. Withi his size (6-2, 210 pounds) he was effective as a power hitter as well as a pitcher.

"Greg certainly has all the tools (to succeed in professional baseball) if he stays healthy and if he really wants to play," notes Clabough. "He's a quick learner, and he's easy to coach."

In the fall baseball season at Ferrum, Mayberry did an "outstanding job" pitching, according to Clabough. "Rick Jones (Ferum baseball coach) told me that Greg would be his number-one pitcher at Ferum this spring," Clabough says.

Because of his hitting ability, Mayberry will probably see some action as a pinch hitter or designated hitter on days when he is not pitching at Ferrum, Clabough adds.

Lions meet Thursday

The Appomattox Lions Club will meet on Thursday evening, Jan. 26 at 6:45 at the Country Fare Restaurant.

Guest speaker for the evening will be James A. Smith, Appomattox County Extension Agent. His topic will be "Signs and Symptoms of Pesticide Poisoning."

All members are urged to attend.

For 7th, 8th graders

Course discussions set

Parents of students in the present 7th and 8th grades in Appomattox County Schools are invited to participate in a discussion pertaining to course offerings for the 1984-1985 school session as scheduled below:

Date	Time	Place	Present Grade
Monday, January 30, 1984	9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Auditorium, AES	8
	10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Auditorium, AES	7
Monday, January 30, 1984	7:30 p.m.	Cafeteria, AMS	7 & 8

These meetings are to familiarize parents and students with the course offerings and registration procedures for the school year 1984-85. Personnel from the schools and the school board staff will be present for the discussion and to answer questions.

It is hoped that every parent will plan to attend one of the discussion meetings that has been scheduled.

The meetings to be held during the daytime hours will be in the auditorium of the Appomattox Elementary School. Students will be transported by buses to the Appomattox Elementary School. This change in procedures is being made to better accommodate the parents and students. Since new state regulations in graduation requirements will begin with students in the present 8th grade, it is anticipated that many parents will be attending one of the discussion sessions.

Registraton for courses by students for the next school year is to begin Monday, Jan. 30 and end on Monday, Feb. 6. The guidance counselor at Appomattox Middle School will then, through personal and group sessions, aid students in their course selections.

"It is very important that parents be familiar with the many course offerings that are available, and be in a position to help their children in the selection", explained Lloyd Walton, superintendent of schools.

Final registration is to be completed by March 30, and further changes in courses will not be made unless it has been determined that there are unusual circumstances.

The choices of subjects will be used to schedule classes and to determine staff needs for the 1984-85 school year.

JERRY TRENT was badly burned when his home on Rt. 611 near Herndon's Store was destroyed by fire on Sunday evening at 11 p.m. Trent, who live in a house on property owned by W. E. Bondurant is in the Intensive Care Unit of Lynchburg General Hospital. (Photo by Jeff Spitzer).

Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

Much to write about this week, so let's get started. Sports fans are beginning to settle down after Sunday's big Super Bowl Game. Most area fans were strong for the Washington Redskins. So was Brightleaf. To make it interesting, I decided to root for the Raiders, in keeping with sympathy for "the underdog" team. As it turned out no one had foreseen a one-sided contest. And I jotted down a note to ask for a comparison between the Super Bowl game in football and the World Series in baseball. Which would you say was the top sports event? Or would you go for the Masters Golf Tournament or a championship boxing match or the ACC basketball tournament. Take your choice, but afterall the important fact is that America is a sportsminded nation and indulges itself in a big way.

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Shane Abernathy, of Appomattox, and Roanoke College, is doing well in basketball. Made 11 points to help Roanoke to a 58-56 win over Washington and Lee.

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Been trying to get up with Greg Mayberry, former ACHS baseball player and then a star at Ferrum College and been selected for a tryout by the Boston Red Sox. At the moment he is working in the stock department of a local food store. Good luck, Greg.

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Left for me at the Times-Virginian office a copy of the 472 page Dec. 18 issue of The Miami HERALD. The wrapper read: Audrey Wright, Appomattox, Va. What a paper, one of the largest have seen. Still reading away. And the Boston GLOBE of Dec. 30.

We have had plenty of winter weather, but have you seen a Snow Man? You do not make snow figures out of sleet and ice. Saw two young gentlemen passing through our street carrying sleds. They returned shortly, apparently no luck in finding a suitable hill.

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One of my car doors froze and could not get it open. Have always heard not to pour hot water on a frozen car door. I did it anyway and the door opened easily and no harm done. Lucky.

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Speaking of close basketball games, how about Clemson and N.C. State. Or ACHS and Buckingham, Richmond and East Carolina.

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Our volunteer firemen and Rescue Squad members have been busy lately. I drove to the town fire house immediately after hearing a fire alarm and twelve cars were already there when I arrived. Note, many fire alarms apparently come from chimneys and wiring.

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My friend Bobby (R.W.) Mitchell has a picture of his late father, E.T. Mitchell, holding a check he had collected as a donation, probably for the volunteer firemen. I well remember the civic service of Mr. Mitchell.

Highway deaths in Virginia are running slightly more than same date last year. Watch it.

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A warming trend would help, but I am ready for a heat wave. Wearing two sweaters. My windowside bird feeder has regular customers, including four chickadees. Some of the sparrows seem overweight.

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Thanks for reading and seeya around. Appomattox is a growing town and county and this year's Railroad Festival will be the best yet!

Grant outlined

Appomattox Mayor Ronald C. Spiggle, has received a letter from Virginia Governor Charles Robb stating, "the Commonwealth o Virginia is offering the Town of Appomatox a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of $202,842 for the Wastewater Treatment System Improvement Project."

"The town was originally responsible for approximately $355,000 but with the approximately 200,000 recently granted, the town is responsible for approximately $153,000. We will go to bid within two months," said Appomatox Town Manager Bill Britton.

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